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PEOPLE in the News

Top Government Women Named

The six winners of the 1965 Federal Woman's Award—whose key government jobs range from cryptology to cancer research—have special words for girls who want a government career.

They all made it to top posts that pay from $18,000 to $22,650 a year.

The main advice: Work hard in college.

At a Washington, D. C. news conference yesterday a civil service official pointed out that it now takes grades of 90 or better to get on the government rolls as a junior professional. And, that means only the top 25 per cent of college seniors can get through.

The federal award winners suggested there is plenty of opportunity for those with ability in math, engineering, computers or language in the Defense Department, for example.

If you have a flare for logic, you might make out as a government economist. A broad background in humanities is a big help in diplomacy, plus "high standards of excellence."

It was noted, too, that one-fourth of the federal government's employes nowadays are women—some 600,000 in all.

The Federal Woman's Award winners will receive citations from their bosses and a medallion award at a Washington dinner March 2.

Picked by an independent, nongovernment panel of judges for their outstanding contributions and major influence on government programs, were:

Miss Ann E. Caracristi, native of Bronxville, N. Y.—specialist in cryptology, who heads a major national security agency responsible for gathering research intelligence.

Dr. Elizabeth B. Drewry of Washington, D. C.—expert in archives, who directs the government-operated Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N. Y., now processing Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's papers.

Mrs. Dorothy Morrow Gilford, native of Ottumwa, Iowa—A Navy mathematician who initiated new research programs that resulted in major contributions to the Polaris missile program and electronic equipment reliability. She directs one of the office's of Naval research's six division, the only woman in such a top post.

Miss Carol C. Laise, from Winchester, Va.—expert on Indian affairs, now deputy director of the State Department's office of South Asian affairs and one of only four women ranked as class one foreign service officers.

Dr. Sarah Elizabeth Stewart—with doctors degrees in bacteriology and medicine, she heads the human virus studies section of the laboratory. Born in Mexico, where her American father was a mining engineer, she played a key role in virus cancer research and now is focusing on research in leukemia.

Dr. Penelope Hartland Thunberg, born in Stoneham, Mass.—Deputy chief of the international division of the Central Intelligence Agency CIA, specializing in gathering economic intelligence about the Sino-Soviet bloc.

Awards chairman **Katie Louchheim**, said the winners prove "women can excel in any field of endeavor."

Mrs. Louchheim herself is a deputy assistant secretary of state for community advisory affairs.

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